

## News From Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis 32<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District of California

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## SOLIS NAMED ENVIRONMENT AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SUBCOMMITTEE RANKING MEMBER AND DEMOCRATIC CHAIR OF THE CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS FOR WOMEN'S ISSUES

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Today, Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis (CA-32), is pleased to announce that she was re-elected Ranking Democratic Member of the Environment and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee of the prestigious House Energy and Commerce Committee. Solis will also join the Energy and Air Quality Subcommittee.

"I am honored to be selected to these important positions. These appointments will be critical to improve the lives of my constituents and Californians as we look to address pressing issues such as cleaner air and water, energy, mining and Superfund cleanup," said Congresswoman Solis.

Solis also was elected Democratic Chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues. As Democratic Chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, Solis will help spearhead the priorities and advance the Caucus' agenda regarding women's issues. Some of these issues include education, international women's rights, violence against women, women in the military and women's health.

"I am elated to be elected Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Women's Issues. I look forward to working on a bipartisan basis to address the unique needs of women across the country and establish a platform for women's voices," said Congresswoman Solis.

The House Committee on Energy and Commerce is one of four exclusive committees in the House and has broad jurisdiction over issues such as: air quality, environmental health, commerce and trade, energy, consumer protection, environment, patient protection, prescription drugs, health and telecommunications.

The Environment and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee addresses environmental issues including ensuring safe drinking water and managing disposal of hazardous waste, toxic substances and noise pollution.

The Energy and Air Quality Subcommittee deals with America's oil dependency, home heating and gas prices, air pollution and electricity.